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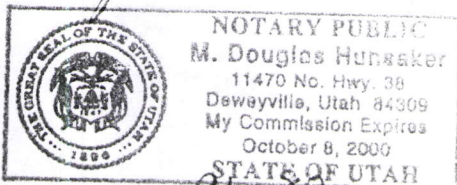
being first duly sworn, depose and say The Leader, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published once each week, at Tremonton, Utah; that the foregoing notice was published in said newspaper for (1) one consecutive weeks, the first publication having been made on the 12 day of July, 2000, and the last publication on the 12th day of July, 2000. That said notice was published in the regular and entire issue of every number of paper during the period and times of publication, and the same was published in the newspaper proper and not in the supplement.

Stephanie Scott

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BEFORE THE DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS AND MINING
DEPARTMENT OF NATU-
RAL RESOURCES
STATE OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF TEN-
TATIVE : DECISION TO AP-
PROVE THE MINING NO-
TICE OF TENTATIVE AND
RECLAMATION PLAN FOR
: DECISION TO APPROVE
STAR STONE QUARRIES,
INC.'S NO. M/003/026

ROSEBUD QUARRY, BOX
ELDER : COUNTY, UTAH

THE STATE OF UTAH TO
ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS
OF PRODUCTION, MIN-
ERAL AND ROYALTY OWN-
ERS, AND PARTICULARLY
ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP
10 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST,
SLBM, BOX ELDER
COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the
Division of Oil, Gas and Min-

ing of its tentative decision to approve Star Stone Quarries, Inc.'s Mining and Reclamation Plan for the Rosebud Quarry. Mining activities will affect the following area: SW1/4 NW1/4 and the SE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 14, Township 10 North, Range 16 West, SLBM, Box Elder County, Utah.

Star Stone Quarries, Inc. has submitted a permit application to expand their existing small mining operation to a large mining status. The operator will employ the following mining and reclamation techniques on approximately 9.5 acres of federal land.

During Operations:

Salvageable soil over quarry and waste dump areas will be scraped from the surface using a D8 dozer or excavator bucket and piled up prior to mining. A hydraulic excavator is used to extract the stone from the quarry and distributed to workers on the quarry dump and pad to process. Stone is split by hand to uniform size and stacked on pallets for shipping. Unusable material is placed on the waste dumps. Quarry cuts will be approximately ten feet deep. Equipment used includes a D-8 bulldozer, hydraulic excavator, two-yard front end loader, and

two dump trucks. A 500 gallon fuel tank is located on site within a secondary containment structure.

After Operations:

Excluding 0.2 acres of pre-existing access road, all disturbed areas will be reclaimed. Excess (waste rock) materials will be used to backfill quarry pit areas so that they are free-draining. The area will be regraded to approximate original contours (slopes of 3 horizontal to 1 vertical). Quarry and waste rock dump areas will be covered with 18 inches of fines (amended with compost to support vegetation). Salvaged soil will be placed over the fines prior to seeding. All areas will be seeded by broadcasting an approved seed mix designed to meet the intended post mining land use of grazing and wildlife habitat.

The person representing the company is Mr. Lon Thomas; Phone (801) 262-4300. Star Stone Quarries, Inc. is fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act

Utah State Office of Reclamation

of 1975, Utah Code Ann. §40-8-18.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to issue approval is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint. If no responsive written protests are received by the Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the tentative decision of the Division will be final.

DATED THIS 7th day
of July, 2000

STATE OF UTAH
DIVISION OF OIL,
GAS AND MINING

Lowell P. Braxton
Director

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